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February 23, 2022

VIA ECF

Hon. Ronnie Abrams  
United States District Judge  
Southern District of New York  
40 Foley Square  
New York, New York 10007

**Re: Xiaomeng Cheng v. Cioppa, No. 21 Civ. 11190 (RA)**

Dear Judge Abrams:

This Office represents the government in this action in which the plaintiff seeks an order compelling U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services (“USCIS”) to adjudicate an Application to Register Permanent Residence or to Adjust Status (Form I-485). On behalf of the government, I write respectfully to request an on-consent extension of time of sixty-one days to respond to the complaint (*i.e.*, from March 9 to May 9, 2022). I also respectfully request that the initial conference presently scheduled for March 3, 2022, be adjourned to the week of May 23, 2022, or thereafter, and that the joint letter due one week in advance of that conference be similarly adjourned.

The extension is respectfully requested because USCIS has issued a Request for Evidence (RFE) to the plaintiff and is currently awaiting the plaintiff’s response. The additional time is thus needed for USCIS to receive and evaluate the plaintiff’s response and to determine next steps, which may include final adjudication. This is the government’s first request for an extension of its deadline to respond to the complaint and an adjournment of the initial conference. The plaintiff consents to both requests.

I thank the Court for its consideration of these requests.

Application granted. The initial status conference presently scheduled for March 3, 2022 is hereby adjourned to May 26, 2022 at 4:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

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SO ORDERED.

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